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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 10, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks.

Written Request Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3):

Please accept this authorization to treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time for its timely submission as though the reply incorporates a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. A one month extension of time is requested. Please charge the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) to deposit account 14-0460. Applicant is a small entity.